

CAP Prepares for Hurricane Response

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Hurricane Gustav is in the Gulf threatening coastal states. Tropical Storm Hanna is close behind.

All of the training that our members, cadets and seniors, have taken in CAP will help us be ready when called to support the aftermath of one or both of these storms. We have been alerted that our aircraft, including the Gippsland GA8, and our aircrews may be needed to support the South East Region of CAP.

Please make sure your aircraft and ground vehicles are properly fueled and supplied with equipment and other resources so that our crews can use the aircraft and vehicles in response to this natural disaster. Also make sure you and others in your command are personally and physically prepared, with equipment ready and in working order, to participate in our response.

The people of the State of South Carolina are dependent on those of us in the South Carolina Wing to be first responders and to participate in the Incident Command structure with other first responders in our state. The people in other states along the Gulf Coast are also dependent on us to support their CAP units.

Major General Amy Courter, our National Commander, says we can be more prepared by updating resource lists, aircraft lists and alert rosters, initiating communication checks and test our assets. Check your personal packs, have stocks of fresh water and changes of clothing at hand, and have charged batteries ready.

Please attend your unit meetings this week so that you can be informed about your duties and prepare to respond.